



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

MENOZZI et al Atty. Ref.: 960-34

Serial No.: 09/192,579 Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: November 17, 1998 Examiner: Swartz, R.

For: IDENTIFICATION AND CLONING OF A MYCOBACTERIAL ANTIGEN
CORRESPONDING TO A HEPARIN-BINDING HAEMAGGLUTININ

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January 10, 2003

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002, in the above. The following comments are offered.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 56-67 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Menozzi et al. The rejection is traversed.

Applicants submit that the citation does not contain information so as to permit molecular characterization of

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